THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir. The Department of Telugu created in 1982 in the Banaras Hindu University is recognised as an independent department.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Department was established in the Sixth Plan only. At that time, the Department had one Reader and one Lecturer. No new teaching posts were sanctioned in the Sixth Plan. The number of non-teaching staff, if any, in the Department is being ascertained from the University and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Service of yoga teachers in Delhi schools

2407. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of yoga teachers in the schools of the Delhi Administration remain unutilised as most of the small children find it difficult to perform yogasanas; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to utilise their services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Civil airport at Nasik Road

2408. SHRI SHANKARRAO NARAYANRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to have a civil aerodrome at Nasik Road; and

(b if so, what steps have so far been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Nasik Road is a defence aerodrome where Indian Airlines is operating AVRO aircraft. On allotment of land by the Ministry of Defence, a civil enclave is proposed to be constructed there, to provide passenger amenities.

Complaints against ticket examiners

2409. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board, received any communication dated the 1st October, 1985 from the Bombay Dakshina Mara Nadar Sangam, Dharavi, Bombay complaining against certain ticket examiners of taking about Rs. 30/- to 40/- per head for giving sleeper berths on the Southern Railway;

(b) whether it has been mentioned that on 21st September, 1985 in Bombay Janata Express to V.T., T.T. Es charged heavy amount from the passengers;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) whether any investigation has been made and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir. However, a copy of the complaint was received by the Zonal Railways.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It was alleged in the complaint that the TTE who worked No. 14 Janata Express on 21-9-1985 ex. Madras to Cuddapah collected excess amount from the passengers.

(d) Yes, Sir. Concerned TTE has been placed under suspension and the necessary disciplinary proceedings have been initiated against him.

Death of students of Delhi Public School, Rama Krishnapuram, Delhi

2410. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent death of two students in the Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram, Delhi, due to alleged callousness and inadequate medical facilities in the hospital clinic and most unhygienic conditions in the school hostel,

(b) whether Government have made any inquiry into the circumstances leading to the death of the students; and

(c) if so, what are the findings thereof and action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) It has been reported by Delhi Administration that death of the two students of Delhi Public School, R. K. Puram, New Delhi, took place out of the school/hostel premises. Concerned Departments of Municipal Corporation of Delhi, National Institute of Communicable Diseases and Delhi Administration (Health and Education Departments) visited the Delhi Public School, R.K. Puram, New Delhi. None of these agencies found that the death of two children was mainly because of callousness/inadequate medical facilities/unhygienic conditions in the school. However, additional preventive/regulatory measures have already been recommended to school authorities.

Common core curriculum in the country

2411. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in August last the conference of State Education Minister had agreed to a common core curriculum for establishing certain national learning norms, instilling, national perceptions and values and focus on India's culture and heritage; and

(b) if so, what is the Central Government's plan in this regard for the current and next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) In the Conference of State Education Ministers held in August, 1985 the idea of evolving and introducing a Common Core Curriculum as an important means for instilling nationally shared perceptions and values was generally welcomed.

(b) The NCERT has taken up an exercise for developing core curriculum and has organised one national and four regional seminars. It is planning to conclude its deliberations in a National Conference during December, 1985.

Irregularities in service matters in the Nehru Memorial Museum

2412 SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is also a fact that the service and conduct rules are not being applied uniformally specially in case of promotions in the Nehru Memorial Museum;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;